



CITY OF SEQUIM *News*

March 2014



Meeting Dates & Locations

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| City Council Regular Meeting Transit Center | 2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m. |
| City Council Study Session Transit Center (when required) | 2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m. |
| Planning Commission Transit Center | Tuesdays, March 4 & 18 6:00 p.m. |
| Parks and Recreation Board PW—615 N. 5th Ave. | 2nd Tuesday 6:00 p.m. |
| Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Transit Center Conf. Room | Quarterly—Next Meeting March 14 10:00 a.m. |

Another Clean Audit for Sequim and the TBD

The State Auditor's Office recently completed the audit of the 2013 financial statements of the City of Sequim and the Transportation Benefit District (TBD). The audit scope aimed to determine the accuracy and reliability of financial reports and the adequacy of internal controls over financial reporting. We are pleased to announce this makes 24 straight years of clean audit reports for the City! To learn more about the audit visit the City website www.sequimwa.gov or contact Accounting Manager Sue Hagener at 681-3426 or shagener@sequimwa.gov.

Mark Your Calendar for Spring Clean-Up



Friday, April 25 & Saturday 26, 2014

Look for details in the April Newsletter



"Coffee with the Mayor"

Sequim residents can meet informally with Sequim Mayor Candace Pratt on Thursdays, March 6 & 20 at Adagio Bean and Leaf, 981 E. Washington Street at 8:30 a.m. The Mayor will be at a different published location each month to meet with anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express a concern, or make a comment about the City or the community. Please contact Candace Pratt at (360) 582-0114 or cpratt@sequimwa.gov with questions.

Welcome New Employee!

Stephanie Benes, Police Officer—1/30

Upcoming Public Hearings

March 10—1) Noise ordinance
2) Marijuana moratorium, retail sales, production & processing zones

City of Sequim Mailing Address

Although City offices have moved temporarily, you can still send general correspondence mail to the City of Sequim at 152 W. Cedar Street, Sequim, WA 98382.

Floor Plans for the New Civic Center Finalized

The City Council and City staff have been working with the Lydig Integrus Design Build team to finalize the floor plans for the new City Hall and Police Station. View the plans and follow the progress of the Civic Center project on the City website <http://www.sequimwa.gov>

Demolition of the old City Hall and Serenity House Buildings is expected to begin in late April. Completion of the new facility is scheduled for mid-year 2015.

Protect Your Home from Burglaries

The Sequim Police Department has seen an increase in burglaries in Sequim since the start of 2014. Burglaries can occur during the day or night. To help protect yourself and your home, be sure to follow these tips:



- Always lock your doors and windows
- Install outdoor lighting with motion detection
- Trim bushes and trees so burglars can't hide
- Invest in quality locks
- If you have an alarm system, use it
- If you see suspicious activity at your house or your neighbors, call the police

Pooling Water in the Streets?



Help the City document flooding or other runoff problems by sending photographs and videos of problem areas to Ann Soule at asoule@sequimwa.gov with the location, date, and time the image was taken. Contact Ann at 582-2436 with questions. To learn more about the Stormwater Needs Assessment project, visit <http://www.sequimwa.gov/index.aspx?NID=560>

Sign Up for Automatic Utility Bill Payments

If you are interested in signing up for automatic utility bill payments, visit the City's website www.sequimwa.gov, go to "I Want to..." in the top right corner, from the drop down menu click on **Forms**, scroll to **Utilities**, click on **Authorization for Automatic Utility Bill Payment** form.

Complete the form and bring it to:

City of Sequim Finance Department, located at 609 W. Washington Street, Suite 17.

Please bring with you:

- 1) a voided check from your checking account
- 2) your bank name, address, phone number
- 3) your City utility number
- 4) your phone number

Forms are also available at the City Finance Department.

Spend 5 minutes now and save yourself time in the future.



Utility Payment Drop-Off

If you prefer to drop off your utility payments, the drop-off boxes have moved with the City Finance office. The drop boxes for Wave Cable and City Utilities are located in the parking lot of the Sequim Village Shopping Center, 609 W. Washington St., outside of the JC Penney store.

On-line Payment Processing

If you pay your bill on-line through your own bank, please allow up to seven business days for processing.

Mail Utility Payments

If you mail your utility payment, please mail to PO Box 1087, Sequim, WA 98382.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteer Opportunities Come in Many Forms



Volunteer Marie Hendren is assisting the City Clerk's Department.

Marie Hendren is helping the Clerk's Office scan various project documents and reports for future on-line access.

Marie's previous work experience as a Legal Librarian and Regional Cataloger for the Environmental Protection Agency in Seattle helped her to get a job with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Ferries Engineering and Design Department as the Technical Librarian. At her job with the WSDOT she oversaw the scanning of materials and organized the electronic drawings and materials in a library type database for personnel access.

After working for the WSDOT for nine years, Marie and her family experienced a series of health issues and her focus moved away from work.

"After the health issues settled down, I looked around and felt like I needed to do something with the rest of my life," Marie said. "My husband told me the City was looking for a Clerk Volunteer, so I decided to see what the project was about and help."

Marie and her husband moved to Washington State from Cape Cod in 1998. She admitted she didn't really want to move from the Cape, but she found many things that she had liked about the Cape right here. The mild winters were a bonus.

In the summer of 2013 they moved to Sequim, where they enjoy the small town flavor and are hoping to get to know more people.

"It's important for seniors to have a good network to rely on, and it's not as easy as it was when we were younger to get out and meet people. Everyone I have met so far has been very kind and friendly," Marie said.

Thanks for the good work Marie! If you are interested in finding out about volunteer opportunities with the City, contact Volunteer Coordinator Pamela Leonard-Ray at 582-2447 pleonard-ray@sequimwa.gov or City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at 681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov.

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